AMENDMENT TO THE VIEWS AND ESTIMATES OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES ON MATTERS TO BE SET FORTH IN THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 OFFERED BY MR. HENSARLING

Under the heading "FORECLOSURE PREVENTION", after the last item insert the following new item:

"COMBATING MORTGAGE FRAUD

According to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), reports of mortgage fraud increased by more than 1,600 percent from 2000 to 2008, and almost doubled since June 2006. Despite heightened concerns and a depressed real estate market, the report found that the total number of suspected mortgage fraud reports filed in 2008 was 62,084, a 44 percent increase over 2007. FinCEN also reports that mortgage loan fraud remained the third most prevalent type of suspicious activity reported in 2008. The committee recognizes that while most homeowners work hard and play by the rules, some have resorted to mortgage fraud to purchase their homes. Accordingly, to reduce the likelihood that such individuals might benefit from their fraudulent actions, the committee supports the exclusion from any taxpayer-funded foreclosure prevention plan those individuals who obtained a mortgage without providing documentation of their income."